

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the applicants' related co-pending applications and issued patents (see Appendix A) directed to nanoparticles and methods of preparation and use thereof. Office actions have already issued on many of the listed cases.

Claims 407-420 and 433-483 were pending in this application. Claim 483 was amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 407-420 and 433-444 were cancelled in order to expedite the allowance of this application as the Examiner had indicated that claims 445-483 were allowable. No new matter has been introduced into this application as a result of the present amendment.

Turning to the office action, claims 407-420 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yguerabide et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,214,560 in view of Sosnowski et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,518,022). The Applicant submits that this rejection is moot as these claims are no longer pending in this application.

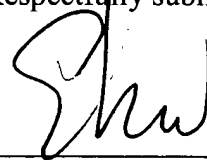
In conclusion, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in allowable condition and request a Notice to this effect.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested and a favorable determination is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that this would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application.

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